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Carnival Highlights: Sun, Snow, Shmoos

Miss Merriman Chosen Carnival Queen; Psi U Wins Snow Sculpture Award

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Hamilton's Winter Carnival was rated "highly successful", according to tabulations made early this week. Chairman Robert Belden of the Carnival Committee reported that, financially, the committee had "figured it just about right" and that although the final accounting had not yet been completed, he was certain that there would be no serious deficit.

Thornton Choses Queen

Favored by fair weather, all of the weekend's activities were supported by large and enthusiastic audiences. This was especially apparent at Friday evening's basketball game, where Mr. Walter Thornton, nationally known beauty expert, selected the five finalists for the Carnival Queen. His final choice, Miss Janice Merriman of New York, was crowned at the Carnival Ball the following evening. Mr. Thornton was feted at the Chi Psi fraternity's "hobo party", one of the many house celebrations which took place Friday, following the all-college barn dance in Commons.

Ski Meet Run

Continued good weather made possible the running of the interfraternity ski meet Saturday morning, and many spectators were on hand to see Theta Delta Chi edge out DU to win the two-run slalom in which teams from six houses participated.

Saturday afternoon's swimming meet was so well attended that many were unable to obtain seats in the pool gallery, and a large crowd overflowed into the gym hall. Equally well attended was the all-college beer party with music by Bob Sittig's Jazz Band, which followed the meet.

President Presents Trophy

Saturday evening's dance, featuring spectacular lighting effects and decorations as well as the music of the Lunceford Band, was also well attended. The occasion was highlighted at intermission time by the appearance of President Robert W. McEwen, who presented the trophy for the best snow sculpture to Psi Upsilon, and named Theta Delta Chi and Sigma Phi for honorable mention. Also appearing at this time was Marilyn Hughes Smith of Syracuse, who crowned Miss Merriman Queen of the Carnival. Bob Piggott of the Carnival Committee acted as master of ceremonies.

Another feature of the Carnival Ball was the releasing of a deluge of "shmoo" balloons from the ceiling of the gym, in keeping with the Al Capp Carnival theme. Technical difficulties prevented the release of about 100 balloons, which still remained high in the rafters after the dance.

Dr. Hugh Stott Taylor

Doctor Taylor, Convocation Speaker, Feb. 20

Dr. Hugh Stott Taylor, Dean of the Graduate School of Princeton University, will be the speaker at the Convocation in the Chapel Sunday evening at 7:30. A noted chemist and educator, Dr. Taylor has also distinguished himself as a Roman Catholic layman, and it is expected that his talk will deal with the relationship between religion and the sciences. The service will be followed by the usual discussion period.

Dr. Taylor was graduated from Liverpool University in 1909 and studied at the Nobel Institute in Stockholm and at the Technische Hochschule in Hanover. He has received numerous honorary degrees from American colleges. At Princeton, in addition to his duties as head of the graduate school, he has served as Chairman of the Chemistry Department since 1922. He has received many scientific honors and awards, and is the author of a number of scientific treatises.

Mrs. Taylor will accompany her husband, and they will spend the entire weekend visiting the campus. They will stay at the Alexander Hamilon Inn in Clinton.

Donald C. Curry was one of two Hamilton College freshmen, members of Tau Kappa Epsilon, awarded the fraternity's prize for "total scholastic excellence" during the first semester of their residence on College Hill. Thomas W. Bridges shared the freshman honors with Curry. Each received five dollars.

Other awards made at this time by Lewis F. Cole, Jr., chairman of the fraternity Scholarship Committee, included an award of five dollars each to Thomas J. Maccabe and John H. Seymour in the field of languages; to house president Harrison H. Pearce, Jr., a prize of ten dollars, political science; to Charles J. Standish, a mathematics and physics prize of ten dollars; and to Robert W. Schaaf, a history prize of ten dollars.

Block "H" Plays Host To Athletes

Twelve preparatory and high school athletes will be the guests of the College and the Block H Club at a "Sub-Freshman Weekend" tomorrow. Originally scheduled for February 5, the affair was postponed because of President Robert W. McEwen's arrival on the Hill and alumni activities on that weekend.

The event is a part of Hamilton's new program to interest students with athletic ability in Hamilton. Block H Club members will conduct the prospective freshmen around the campus showing them points of interest and introducing them to the Hill's coaching staff and athletic facilities.

Tomorrow night the guests, who were invited by the Block H Club from suggestions from several alumni and Mr. Sidney B. Bennett, Secretary of Admissions, will attend the Hamilton-Middlebury hockey game

According to Dick Burns, Block H Club president, plans are being made for a much larger "Sub-Freshman Weekend" to be held sometime in the Spring. A more definite program and more athletic events will be arranged for during that weekend. Names of high and prep school athletes who might attend the spring weekend will be welcomed by both Mr. Bennett and the Block H Club. The program will be announced shortly.

Poetry by Pound, Sitwell, Williams, And Hill Students Read by Roscher

Last Wednesday evening at the ELS House, Don Roscher entertained a group of students, faculty, and friends of the College at a reading of selections from such modern poets as Edith Sitwell, T. S. Eliot, Ezra Pound, Wallace Stevens, E. E. Cummings, and Tennessee Williams. He also presented selections from his own works, and those of two other Hill poets, Arnold Klein and Charles H. Weinberg. According to Roscher, "the whole program was dedicated to Hamilton's very great lady, Louise Brownell Saunders."

Roscher acknowledged the help of Omar S. Pound, Stephen K. Feldman, and Clifford Greck, in selecting and preparing the works. Among those presented during the evening were Roscher's *Psychic Cirque, Circus is Pure Theater,* and *Lamentations of a High Vaudevillian.* The surprises of the evening were a poem by Tennessee Williams, unknown to most of the audience, *The White Dove,* and another of Roscher's own works, *Charades for Louise Brownell Saunders,* dedicated to his honored guest.

Two From Hamilton Testify at Hearing

Petitioners to Appear at 3rd Meeting Of Public Service Commission

The hearing by the State Public Service Commission last Tuesday, regarding the petitions to extend the Utica-Clinton bus line, ended wihout a decision for the second time. Mr. O'Brien, the referee, adjourned the hearing until March 18 at 2:00 p. m. in Albany.

Three Clinton Residents Testify

Edward Martin and Moses G. Hubbard, III, representing the petitioners for the extension of the line to Bristol Road, presented three witnesses, Mr. Charles T. Baker, Supervisor of the Town of Kirkland and former Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Kirkland, and two residents of the area who would benefit by the proposed extension, Mrs. Joseph McGaffin and Mrs. George Hesse. All three witnesses pointed out that there were over 500 people who would benefit if the bus went all the way to Bristol Road, the two women being instigators of the petition for that extension. Mr. Groben, lawyer for the Transit Company, objected to the incorporation into the record of testimony by Mrs. Hesse that 500 extra fares would be obtained by the bus company, on the grounds that the evidence was hearsay, since it was obtained over the telephone from witnesses not under oath.

Burton Testifies Hill Safe

Then Hugh Jones took over on behalf of the petitioners who favor extension of the line to the top of College Hill. Elliott S. Burton, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, was the first witness, testifying that the Hill was safe, that the College would pay for the construction and maintenance of a turnaround on the land opposite the ELS house, and that about 30 employees of his department would make one round trip on the bus, six days per week. Mr. Groben questioned the safety of the Hill in view of the recent seven-car pile-up. Mr. Buurton, however, maintained that the Hill was not hazardous.

Tolles Estimates Extra Fares

Dean Winton Tolles was the next witness. He estimated that if the bus came all the way up the Hill, there would be potentially 340 extra fares per week alone from faculty members, and students doing practice teaching and going to church in town, and that only a very small fraction of these fares would be obtained if the bus came only to Bristol Road.

Mr. Groben again interrupted the testimony, this time to ask whether or not it was necessary for the faculty members to attend association meetings and lectures in Utica. Dean Tolles pointed out that although they would not jeopardize their jobs by not attending, the results of such trips to Utica were usually beneficial, both to the faculty members in question and the students.

Mr. Groben, according to the questions which he asked on Tuesday, seemed to be basing the case for the Transit Company on the

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Mr. David Wilder

Man of Week

From an early association with colleges and college libraries, David Wilder developed an interest in library work. Much of Mr. Wilder's youth was spent near the University of Rochester, where his father formerly taught English, and is now Dean of Men.

As preparation for a career then not decided, Mr. Wilder enrolled in a Liberal Arts course at Union College where he was graduated in 1940. At Union he was a member of Psi Upsilon, the swimming team, and the dramatic club. Later, under the influence of his father, he returned to Rochester to work for a master's degree in history. After he received his degree, Mr. Wilder decided to enroll in the Columbia University Library school where he not only acquired the necessary qualifications for a librarian, but also met the woman who was to become his wife, Olga Mary. They were married in February, 1945, and have two sons, Jay and Hugh.

Almost immediately after receiving his degree from Columbia in 1942, Mr. Wilder entered the Army and spent most of three years with the Weather Service, stationed on the Gold Coast in North Africa. After his discharge in 1945, he worked with the International Relations department of the American Library Association in Washington, D. C., investigating the improvement and replenishing of foreign libraries damaged and devastated by the war.

In August, 1945, Mr. Wilder came to Hamilton to assume the position of College Librarian. Since his arrival here, he has been working to make Hamilton's library one of the best. His work here has not kept him in the stacks all of the time, however, extra-curricular activities including the chairmanship of the Committee on College and University Libraries of the New York Library

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New Athletic Policy?

Certainly do we admire a man's making good his word and equally so the taking of definite action in the direction of an athletic department policy regarding a training program at Hamilton. It was indeed unfortunate that the five from the hockey team were the ones to be caught in this first step toward participant training and, we hope, eventual better athletics at Hamilton.

We believe that such steps should have been taken long ago, particularly at a time when the results might have proved less disastrous to a sports schedule. Even yet, there are violations of training in winter sports at Hamilton. Out of fairness to the five who have had dishonor brought upon themselves, it is the obligation of the athletic department to enforce more fully and more carefully *now* their training program.

Does the action of the past week solve the athletic situation at Hamilton? We believe not. As an alumnus points out in a letter which we are publishing this week, the root of the problem in all phases of extra-curricular activity lies in the "mute apathy on the part of the undergraduates" and in an "unprecedented plague of laziness and selfishness."

During the next few weeks, the *Spectator* intends to conduct extensive research among administration, faculty, alumni, and students to bring to light exactly *what* all groups concerned want in an athletic program at Hamilton. The *Spectator* will endeavor further, with your help and interest, to answer an even more important question — "*How* can we have better athletics at Hamilton".

Congratulations

The *Spectator* this week congratulates David Wilder and his committee for the splendid work they are doing to secure bus service for the residents of College Hill. Although they will be required to attend at least another hearing to make known the wishes of the College Community, the members of the committee are not letting down in their efforts to see their petition through. Certainly they and we are looking forward to an extension of Utica-Clinton bus service to the Hill.

We owe Mr. Wilder and committee our sincerest appreciation for their efforts in our behalf and wish them continued success with their petition.

The Prattler

by Michael Twomey, Jr.

As old as I'm getting to be, and I just found out something new, something else to complicate my life.

It started with these lectures that are given at the Sig House every once and awhile. Then, I heard someone mention an application. Finally, I asked a guy who he was bringing to houseparty, but he said he wasn't going. He had an interview in New York City that weekend. What's this all about — these lectures, applications, interviews? "It goes with getting a job," he answers. "By the way, what are you planning to do when you graduate?"

Graduate! A job! Interviews! What is this? What do they mean by going to work when you graduate? I hadn't planned on this before. This job-business wasn't in the scheme of things. Does that mean come June, it's over? Is that the end of Christmas vacations, summers on the beach, checks every month, just send the bill to ole Uncle Sam, and trainfare from home? Now, wait a minute, I just got here. You know me, Mickey Jones, class of '52. Here, just feel my chin, I scarcely ever shave. Must be some mistake, I couldn't be graduating in June. Check my credits, I know I've changed my major six times, anyway. All right, all right, quit pushin'. That's the cheapest way I ever saw to build an alumni fund.

Getting a job and going to work! And to think it was only by chance I happened to hear about it. But I've still got four months. I'll think of something. They can't do this to me. Graduate school's out of the question. How's the Russian situation? Nope. Uniform's too small anyway. How about..... no, forget it. By the way, what ever became of the WPA?

Letter to the Editor

January, 1949

Dear Hamilton:

Among the sights which an alumnus hates to behold at his college, the collapse of the very foundations of the ideal small-college community probably ranks first. It is discomforting indeed to note what is happening to Hamilton's community, and those who have left desire nothing more than to see this disintegrative tendency halted, for the benefit of the present and of future student bodies.

The foremost grievance at Hamilton for some years has centered around its sports. The college's athletic ventures appeared to have descended to unheard-of depths since the end of the war. The teams have received half-hearted support from the Administration, and virtually none from the students. Some kind of revamping would seem to be in order here.

Culture outside Hamilton's classrooms has all but died. The Film Society has succumbed, the Musical Art Society could not secure even a third as many subscribers as in 1947-48, and the Charlatans recently gave two creditable performances to an almost-empty house in Clinton, and one justifiably mediocre one to an audience of boisterous children in Utica. The College, doubtless seeking to sidestep the expense of after-hours culture, has allowed individuals to inflict unthinkable agents of quasi-culture upon the community — first in the person of a Miss Mercer, and then in the majestically deficient antics of an obscure monologist.

The main extra-curricular activities have lost most of their appeal, too. The collapse of the campus radio station last year was far less a cultural loss than a reflection of student apathy. The college newspaper is not up to par with its prewar counterpart, and the "literary" magazine, still written by an ostensibly profound clique of students for themselves, recently cut down its physical scope at the expense of advertising revenue, so as to fit better, evidently, into college wastebaskets. The choir sings more frightfully than ever before, and even the winter carnivals have lost much of their former glamor.

All this is most appalling, lamentable, and especially, obvious. It is apparent that, in large measure, the present situation on the Hill can be traced to current inflationary problems now being faced by every college and university in the country. Culture, football teams, and carnivals all cost more money than ever before — more money than most institutions and individuals are prepared to pay in very great volume. One good lecturer may charge as much for an evening as four lecturers did before the war. Athletic equipment is now extremely costly, and a sizable fortune is now necessary to lure a popular dance orchestra for an evening's engagement.

But beyond the community's inability to pay for as much extra activity as it could before the war, there exists a mute apathy on the part of the undergraduates which has effectively strangled any progressive venture undertaken in the three postwar years. This uncompromising withdrawal from community life was formerly attributed to the preponderance of war veterans in the student body, but now that a younger, non-veteran body dominates the campus, the veterans must logically be acquitted. The problem, it appears, does not revolve around postwar cynicism, but rather, around an unprecedented plague of laziness and selfishness. It matters little that Hamilton has been forced, because of financial problems, to give up some of its formerly esteemed activities. But there are entirely too many men at Hamilton who are willing to watch *everything* slide into oblivion, whether the situation warrants it or not. Many of the present group, whose efforts appear to oscillate between parties and pre-examination cramming, will not only leave Hamilton as ill-equipped graduates, but they will leave behind them a cultural and spiritual void instead of a strong community. Men who have not contributed to their community are not likely to have gained much from it.

Hamilton is in desperate need of men with a sense of responsibility, men who enjoy working constructively for the good of their associates. And unless Hamilton sets out vigorously to encourage such men to come to its campus, it is not likely that the the current "who cares" epidemic will soon be abated.

The great superiority of Hamilton has always been traceable to

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Entertainment in Utica

by John E. Campion

Now that our charming guests have returned to Saratoga Springs, Aurora, Northampton, and Wellesley, and have left us only with thoughts of Spring House Party to keep us going, we must once again turn to the metropolis which lies to the northeast for a source of entertainment. Utica has something to offer every one to help him forget the academic grind, even if it is only a series of railroad tracks which allow trains to carry him away from it all.

The Stanley theater is offering one of the two good movies which has appeared thus far in 1949, the MGM production of the Broadway hit, *Command Decision* (the other, coming soon to the Olympic, is *A Letter to Three Wives*) with Clark Gable, Walter Pidgeon, Brian Donlevy, and Charles Brickford — highly recommended by most reviewers. The Olympic offers a double feature with a combination of comedy and mystery — Hedy Lamarr and Robert Cummings in a thing called *Let's Live a Little* plus *The Amazing Mr. X*. The Avon also presents a double feature with a new MGMusical called *The Kissing Bandit* with Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson, and Ann Miller. (Miss Grayson, we've been told, is a strong contender for honors last held by Jane Russell.) The other Avon feature is *No Minor Vices* with Dana Andrews and Lilli Palmer (one of the bodies in *Body and Soul*).

Jerry Marsh's Show Lounge is now featuring Do Re Mi, a trio currently recording for Commodore records. (Their latest hit is one called *Wrapped Up in a Dream*). The Town House is presenting the Everett Barkdale Quartet with a young lady named Audrey Lane doing the vocals.

Unofficial sources in the cinema circles in Utica indicate that the movie of the year will be coming soon, probably to the Stanley theater. This is the production of *Hamlet* with Olivier. More and definite news later.

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by W. R. Hutchison

Reflections on a Hamilton Houseparty, by W. S.

"An intelligent party..."	*King Lear* III; 5; 12.
"Boundless intemperance.."	*Macbeth* IV; 3; 66.
"God match me with a good dancer!"	*Much Ado* II; 1, 111.
"How irksome is this music..."	II *Henry* IV; II; 1; 56.
"Avaunt, thou witch!"	*Comery of Errors* IV; 3; 80.
"...ill-beseeming beast..."	*Romeo and Juliet;* III; 3; 109.
"Is not my teeming date drunk..."	*Richard* II; V;2; 90
"She is asleep: good wench..."	*Henry* VIII; IV; 2; 81.
"Her feet were much too dainty for such tread"	*Love's Labour Lost* IV; 3; 278.
"What's this?"	*Antony and Cleopatra* II; 6; 72.
"...a queen worth many babes..."	*Ibid.* V; 2; 46.
"Come, let me clutch thee.;"	*Macbeth*
"I'll wrestle with you..."	*Antony and Cleopatra* III; 2; 62.
"The queen is obstinate..."	*Henry* VII; II; 4; 121.
"...sing me a bawdy song..."	I *Henry* IV; III; 3; 15.
"...we are hoarse..."	*As You Like It;* V; 3; 9.
"How farest thou?"	*Antony and Cleopatra* II; 6; 72.
"...a rheum in my eyes, and such an ache in my bones..."	*Troilus and Cressida* V; 3; 101.
"Yet are these feet...unable to support this lump of clay."	I *Henry* VI; II; .. 5; 17.

Wife of Hill's New President Taught After Study in Europe

Relinquishing her teaching duties for the first time since she has been professionally associated with the educational world. Mrs. Robert W. McEwen is devoting her full time to getting her family settled on College Hill.

A teacher until the week before the McEwens left Carlinsville, Illinois, Mrs. McEwen, the daughter of a mid-western civil engineer, worked for her A. B. and master's degree at the University of Kansas. Her special field of endeavor is French, and shifting her study to Europe, she earned the Diplome du Degre Superieure at the Sorbonne. Returning to the United States, Mrs. McEwen acquired, after the publication of a book, *Anatole France in the United States*, a doctorate in French from Columbia University. After completing her formal study, she returned to Kansas to teach, and later followed that start with terms at Milwaukee-Downer College, the Rockford College for Women, and then in Northfield, Minnesota, where, in addition to teaching at Carleton College, she also served as Dean of Women.

The business of reestablishing a household after a thousand mile moving job is not an easy one, but Mrs. McEwen's experience in managing a college president's home, coupled with the luck of having the furniture arrive without mishap, have made the task not overly difficult. The latest addition to the furnishings, and one which probably makes the McEwen home unique among college president's, is a shmoo which their daughter, Miss Mary Ellen McEwen, was able to capture at last Saturday night's formal dance.

Moving and settling have not kept the McEwens entirely busy, however. After the initial round of receptions, they found time to attend several of the regular activities on the Hill, one of which was Mrs. McEwen's first hockey game. Among her first impressions of Hamilton, she records

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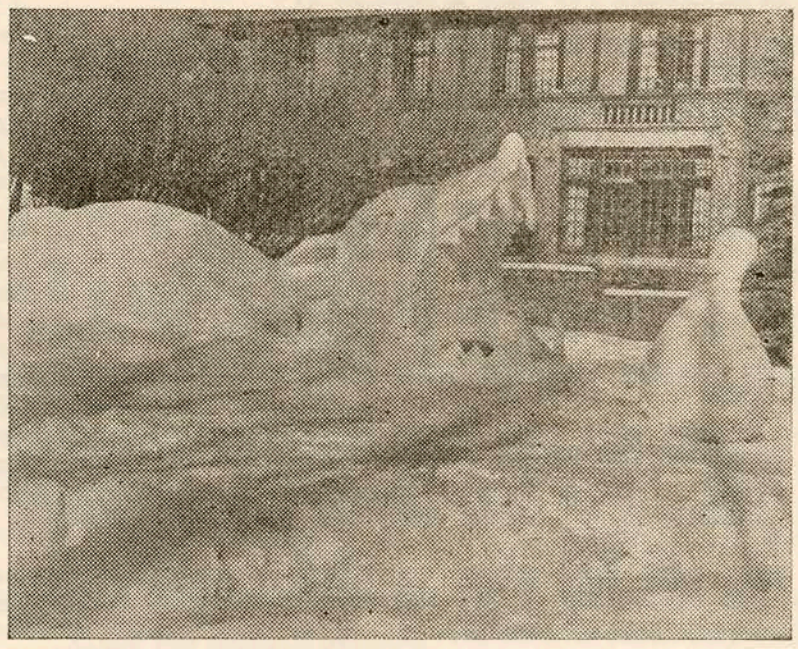
Psi U's Winning Snow Sculpture



Letter to the Editor . . . Cont'd

its community. Let us not lose the basis of Hamilton's greatness.

Respectfully yours,
Alumnus

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The alumnus who wrote this letter and asked that it be published anonymously, will welcome, the editors are certain, as many replies as administration, faculty, alumni, and students wish to submit as Letters to the Editor. The Spectator *asks that any such replies be kept short and to the point so as to permit the publication of as many as possible. Letters should be dropped in the copy box in the offices in the basement of Root Hall.*

One of the blackest chapters in Hamilton athletic history was written Wednesday night when five members of the varsity hockey team were suspended for the remainder of the season for infraction of training rules. The five men were Captain Dick Burns, a senior; Jerry Steiner, a junior; Bill VonThurn, a junior; Lou Sage, a junior; and Charles Beeching, a freshman. The suspension came as a result of conduct of these men on the Friday night of Winter Carnival, preceding the Victoria game.

Wallace B. Johnson Explains Details Of Trip to Europe

For a mid-year vacation, Wallace B. Johnson, '15, the College Secretary, spent a month in Europe this winter visiting Hamilton alumni and other acquaintances who are now on the continent either working or studying.

Leaving New York on December 21, Mr. Johnson flew to London, his first stop, which he noticed had not yet emerged from its post-war drabness. The food in the restaurants which he had remembered as of the finest quality, was now plain and served in rather small portions. All of the European cities were not so drab as London, though, and Mr. Johnson commented that it was interesting to compare their various reactions to three years of peace.

In Paris, which was his next stop, Mr. Johnson found that the kind of time one had was not limited by the commodities available, but rather by the amount of money on hand to pay. Parisians make no joke about the black market in money, and the Secretary was approached by several peddlars who introduced themselves with the query, "Wanna buy some money, Mister?" The Paris edition of the *New York Herald Tribune* prints the daily exchange rates for francs and dollars in two columns — the "official" one offered by the banks, and the "unofficial" offered by the black market, which is usually about two hundred francs more. The pre-war tip of one franc for retrieving a checked hat is now quoted at around a hundred.

While in Paris, Mr. Johnson saw William E. Weld, Jr., '35, a former instructor here on the Hill, and who is now continuing his study at the Bibliotheque Nationale. One afternoon he had lunch with Philip C. Jessup, '18, who was then acting chief of the United States Mission to the United Nations, and who is now United States Ambassador-at-Large.

From Paris, Mr. Johnson slip-

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Organization News

CHARLATANS

With the tentative selection of four plays, the Charlatans are completing plans for a spring schedule of two separate productions. Shortly after the spring recess, the group plans to present *The Play's the Thing*, a three-act play written by Ferenc Molnar. The second production will be a group of three one-act plays, including *Hope is the Thing with Feathers,* by Richard Harrity; *Were'er We Go,* by John O'Dea; and *In the Zone,* by Eugene O-'Neill.

It is expected that there will be two performances of each production. The three-act play will be given at the Clinton Central School, while for the short plays, the Charlatans plan to use the fencing room of the Gymnasium as a "Little Theater."

The cast for each play will be separate. As far as possible, no one will be selected to act in more than one of them, in order to give more students an opportunity to participate.

Rehearsals are scheduled to begin in about two weeks, as soon as the casting is completed. Direction will be in the hands of the students, with Dwight Carter and possibly other capable student directors supervising.

NEWMAN CLUB

Early this month the Newman Club received word from Washington, D. C., that the Hamilton chapter has been accepted as a chartered member in the National Federation of Newman Clubs on the basis of a constitution submitted to he National Chapter by the local group here on the Hill.

A drive to increase the membership of the club has been inaugurated by George Rivers, president of the Hamilton Chapter. Within the next few weeks every Roman Catholic student will be asked to contribute one dollar which will entitle him to active membership in the organization.

The money collected will be used to pay the annual dues to the National Federation and to purchase books for the group's religious shelf in the reference room of the library. Two recent Newman Club books have been the best sellers, *Seven Storey Mountain* by Thomas Merton and Fulton J. Sheen's *Philosophy of Religion.*

The Newman Club meetings for the remainder of the year will be concerned with the teachings of Saint Thomas Aquinas, on whom informal talks will be given by the Reverend John Daley. After the short talk the meetings will be given over to discussion. The Newman Club extends a standing invitation to all non-Catholic students to attend the group's meetings.

Father Daley is on the Hill every Friday from 4:30 to 5:30 in the Baker Memorial Room of the gymnasium to talk privately with anyone interested.

CHAPEL BOARD

The Chapel Board, at their dinner meeting on February 10, elected Dr. Robert McEwen an ex-officio member. Also elected to the Board at that meeting were Fred Jobe, who is to represent Lambda Chi Alpha and the married students, and Allen Caldwell, who is to represent Theta Delta Chi. The Board is attempting to find a representative in each of the fraternities and independent groups on the Hill.

The Board also decided to set up an alumni committee, which will formulate long-range policies and at the same time act as a necessary continuing factor. It was tentatively decided that this committee would be a committee of the Alumni Council.

SCA

Rev. Robert N. Oerter, assistant pastor of the South Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, will speak next Sunday afternoo on "The Essence of Christianity" at the regular Student Christian Association meeting in the Baker Memorial Room. Mr. Oerter will treat the basic facts underlying conservative biblical Christianity. A question period will follow the lecture.

DEBATE CLUB

Hamilton's debate team, represented by Bertram Portin and Arnold Lerman participated in a debate with Wells College last night at8:00 in the Chapel. The topic under discussion was "Federal Aid to Education", with the Hamilton men taking the affirmative side. The debate was judged by the audience.

Tomorrow afternoon at three o'c'ock, Portin and Lerman will again debate for the affirmative the same topic with students from Albany State Teachers' College. The debate will be judged by a member of the faculty.

Hamilton entered the debate last night with a record of twelve wins out of twenty matches. In March the team will journey to Philadelphia and New Jersey to encounter Navy, Temple, Swarthmore, Lafayette, and Haverford. The April meets are with Mt. Holyoke, Amherst, and Bowdoin.

GEOLOGY CLUB

At a meeting February 9, James Aitchison was elected President, an Donald Stone, Secretary-Treasurer of the Geology Club for the coming year. Robert White beck gave a lecture, illustrated with colored slides, on some national park areas in the West.

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grounds that the Hill was unsafe and that the people who had asked for the extension didn't really need it, that any such extension would be only for the sake of convenience.

Wife of President . . . Cont'd

Col'ege Hil' as the most startling. She recalled, however, that the University of Kansas was perched on a hill quite similar to our own. She, together with all the family, describes the Hamilton Campus as "the most beautiful I have ever seen." One aspect of Central New York which Mrs. McEwen remarked as being very enjoyable was the climate, especially winter, which she said was a good deal like a Minnesota winter. Among the students with whom she has talked, Mrs. McEwen was struck by the belief of all of them that they "were getting educated at the right place."

The McEwen's two daughters, as well as their parents, report that they are enjoying this locality. Miss Mary Ellen McEwen, who attended Winter Carnival last weekend, seems to have caught the last traces of this year's winter, and has therefore seen what February should be like in this part of New York. Miss Jean McEwen, who has enrolled at the Clinton Central School as a junior, is a skiing and skating enthusiast, who may be wondering what Oneida County has to offer for such sports.

When not operating her household, or acting as an educational consultant for the President, Mrs. McEwen enjoys reading, and playing chess, "although Dr. McEwen always beats me." She and Dr. McEwen regret that moving and settling have taken time that they would like to spend in becoming acquainted with the College Community. After they become acclimated, they are planning to spend a great deal of time in getting to know Hamilton College. For the President, herself, and the family, she says, "I hope the students will feel inclined to drop in, and I hope as many of them as possible will come to see us."

Johnson. . . Cont'd

ped behind the iron curtain for a short stop-over in Prague. He found no trouble at all in entering the city other than an uncommon number of baggage inspecions, and he was able to go about his personal business unmolested. The city's merchants were not having such an easy time though, and all the shops were closed for a five days government inspection of their wares and accounts.

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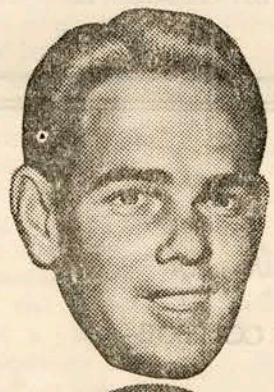

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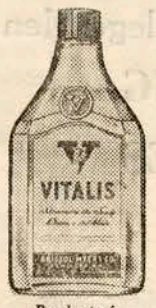

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SPORTS **SPECTATOR** SPORTS

Sport Views

by Jack Boynton

It's a pity that the swimming pool can't house a few more spectators during the course of the team's rather short season, since the swimmers seem to be the ones who can put on a show worthy of watching, and especially of taking one's girl to during a houseparty. As if Pete Dugan's mermen hadn't done enough this season to prove that swimming was being highly underrated as a sport at Hamilton (any sport that's underrated at Hamilton is really going far beyond what Noah Webster had in mind when he composed the word's meaning).

Last year when Bill Taverner was around to shatter a few diving records — that was one thing, but these guys this season have absolutely no respect for what teams in previous years have been doing. It certainly does a man's heart good to see a bunch of men — many of them freshmen — go out and put on a top-notch show every week, sometimes against pretty heavy odds.

When Sunday of spring houseparty came around last year, one of the Hamilton baseball players came up to this reporter ready to paste him one in the mouth. It seems that in his rather drunken condition he resented being called a dissipated athlete. Maybe he was considerate of the other men out for sports, but at the time it seemed rather ridiculous. If I had written last week's column and made a similar statement, probably four or five guys out for sports in drunken stupors would have had the same thought in mind.

Last week such a statement would have been mild; Iwould have been the ridiculous one for ever thinking anyone would go out drinking before playing a sport at Hamilton. Actually it's a pity that anyone has to make any such statement. An occasional drink probably would not hinder any man to such a degree that it would be noticable, but there must be a limit.

On the whole the teams all did respectably well for the girls during Winter Carnival. Coach Panatier's basketball team, before a good sized crowd, lost a tough one. Actually, there is no real need to make any excuses for the squad, but there were men who couldn't play and others who are suffering from various and sundry handicapping injuries.

Victoria has a good hockey team; not so good as it appeared on Saturday night, but still better than many Hamilton will have to cope with during the remainder of the campaign. After the excellent showings made against Princeton and Clarkson, however, the game turned out to be a bit of a disappointment. To be sure there were times when the first and second lines were playing well, but from the general attitude of the crowd one would think that what is called the third line has been improperly named. For speed and aggressiveness, this was most certainly true in that particular game. It makes for pleasant thoughts about the future.

"Red" Fuller, a member of the Sigma Phi intramural basketball team, broke both his arms at the elbow a week ago Wednesday night in the Sig-DU game which the former won in overtime, 29-28. Fuller went up in the air to shoot, and was knocked to the floor, landing on his elbows.

According to a member of the Sigma Phi team, Fuller's absence is a serious threat to the team's pennant hopes this year.

Swimmers Aim For Fifth Win In Five Starts

Coach Pete Dugan's swimming team will try to stretch their winning record to five-in-a-row this weekend when they meet Union at Schenectady and Brooklyn Poly at Brooklyn.

Leading lights of the Garnet team are Sherriden in the diving events, Isbister in the distance events, and Simpson and Cahill in the middle distance swims. Coach Dugan is trying to cut down the time of 440-men Hank Pope and Pete Wood in an attempt to strengthen the weak link of the Blue squad. Although the Union mermen beat Hamilton by a 42-33 score in the first meet of the year, Coach Dugan feels that the squad has advanced enough since the meet to be able to nose out Union in tomorrow's swim.

The Continental natators were the only team to chalk up a win during Carnival weekend. The Buff and Blue were able to break four more records in the course of the afternoon. Bruce Campbell, who holds the college fifty yard record, broke the pool and college record for the 100 yard swim. The medley relay squad broke their record, as did Joe VonHake

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Panatiermen Tackle Trinity, Worcester

Winless Skaters Play Powerful Middlebury '6'

by Jim Nickel

The Hamilton sextet runs into another tough hurdle along the bumpy road of hockey as a strong squad from Middlebury invades the Sage Building at 8:00 tomorrow night. The Panthers had a fine aggregation last year, knocking off the Continentals twice, by scores of 4-3 and 4-2, and going on to become the Vermont Conference Champs with a record of ten wins, five losses, and one tie. This season, however, with thirteen returning lettermen, they are stronger in experience and manpower, as they have already demonstrated in playing out a grueling schedule.

The Buff and Blue, in losing its sixth straight intercollegiate game to Victoria by a score of 9-2, gave hope for the future, as its hitherto unnoticed third line of freshmen Paul Mosier, Al Vollmer, and Jack Sanborn outskated and outhustled the two established Blue varsity lines and thrilled the crowd with aroused and spirited play last Saturday. Early in the second period, with the score standing 4-0 in favor of the Vics, the third line made its first appearance as Coach Greg Batt attempted to inject life and fire into the listless club. At once the fans were impressed by the hard play and wonderful teamwork of this un-

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Blue To Encounter High-Score Teams

Beginning a tough schedule which slates five games in eight days, the Hamilton College basketball team swings into southern New England this weekend in an effort to bring its record up to .500. Tonight the Panatiermen face a seasoned Trinity College five at Hartford, Conn., and tomorrow night, tangle with Worcester Poly at Worcester, Mass.

Trinity has won five out of ten games, not including the Wednesday night fray with Amherst. Although there are only six returning lettermen from last season, three returning reserves and six players from last season's Freshman team give the Trinity team a good deal of experience and depth. Missing from the Trinity lineup, however, is last year's high-scoring ace, Red Faber, who led the Hilltoppers to an impressive 11-6 record, including a 68-54 win over the Hamilton quintet. Ranked as one of the finest players ever to don the Blue and Gold of Trinity. Faber played in the annual East-West game at Madison Square Garden. This season's combine boasts wins over MIT, Coast Guard, Amherst, Worcester Poly. and Middlebury. Last Saturday, the charges of Coach Ray Oosting rolled to an impressive 51-30 victory over Middlebury, who had turned in an early season win over the Panatiermen. Williams, Harvard, Bowdoin, Bates, and Wesleyan managed to post triumphs over the Blue and Gold this year.

Bill Pitkin, 6' 4" pivot man, averaged better than ten points per game last sason, including a record-smashing 30-point performance against Union. Ron Watson, 6' 5" forward, gives the Oostingmen plenty of height up front, and of all the returning lettermen, Watson was high scorer last season, clicking for 188 points in 17 games. The other returning lettermen include: Captain Joe Ponsalle, stellar backcourt performer, Bill Leahey, 6' 2" forward playing his last campaign for the Blue and Gold, and Jack Mahon and Don Boyko, both men towering over the 6' mark.

The Worcester Poly five boasts a .500 record in six starts, including a 50-42 loss at the hands of Trinity. The Engineers boast wins over MIT, Assumption, and Upsala, while Boston University's Bulldogs, Fort Devens, and Trinity pinned defeats upon WPI. Carlson, a returning letterman from last season's quintet, is the leading scorer for the Engineers, possessing a deadly set shot which could prove very effective against the Hamilton zone defense.

Netsters Defeated by RPI JV's Notch Fourth Win

by Larry Rouillard

A hot and cold Hamilton basketball team found the consistently smooth passwork and fancy shooting of the RPI cagers too much to overcome last Saturday, and bowed 68-53 in the initial event of the 1949 Winter Carnival weekend.

The veteran Trojan quintet overcame a 10-4 deficit in the first three minutes of play with a fast-breaking attack that riddled the Hamilton zone defense. The victors put on a 13-point spurt, after the quick lead that the Blue grabbed, to make the score 17-10 before Bill Tank, who chalked up 17 points to lead the Hillmen's spotty attack, dropped in a penalty toss. From that point on, the Rensselaer forces pulled away to win handily.

Bob Mulligan led the scoring parade for the night with 20 points on eight field goals and four free throws. Mulligan's two handed, over-the-head set shot brought the Hamilton zone out and set up the plays from the side, which move spelled defeat for the Blue. Ed Zeno, hampered by three early fouls, hit for 16 points. Richie

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Blue Icemen Fall To Mighty Victoria

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der-rated trio of kids, and when Sanborn scored the first Hamilton goal of the game at 7:49 of that period on an excellent goal-mouth pass by Al Vollmer, the spectators went wild and cheered the line on for the remainder of the game.

The second line of Scala, Knapp, and Jim Burns, promoted to the number one slot at the start of the second frame, followed Sanborn's goal with a tally by Carl Knapp on a perfect pass from Jim Scala at 14:23 of the same stanza. The third line continued to make the two lines look sick as they maintained their inspired play throughout. They richly deserved the promotion and praise that Greg Batt has accorded them.

The Continentals were still very much in the game as the third frame rolled around, for, although the Vics had scored at the 30 second mark of the opening period. added another at 10:49, and two more at 2:43 and 5:18 of the second frame, the Blue had rammed two into the twines in the middle of the second stanza to make a close 4-2 count. Victoria, however, shut the door in the last third of the contest as they poured four through Jerry Steiner, and slapped one rebound past Rod Gander who had relieved Steiner in the middle of the third period.

Swimming . Cont'd

that of the backstroke. The final relay squad took nearly seven seconds off the college record in that event, and MacInnes and Mayes showed good form in winning the diving events.

Man of Week

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Association, and the position of Secretary-elect of the College Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries. During the past two years, his efforts to get the library staff to work on time developed Mr. Wilder's active interest in the drive to bring public transportation services to the Hill. He initiated the drawing of a petition to have the bus come to the top of the Hill when he learned that the village of Clinton had franchised the bus route to Bristol Road. Now he is taking his case to the State Public Service Commission at Albany.... along with the hopes and gratitude of the College Community.

RPI... Cont'd

Lassen, pint-sized guard, was outstanding for the Scarlet in the last half with his cool, smart ball-handling that broke the Hamilton attack whenever it began to move, and settled his own players. Lassen also found time to make four baskets on sensational shots that clinched the game.

Bill Tank, although heavily guarded, found the hoop for 17 points with six field goals and five charity tosses. Bob Mackay, Rog Wood, Tom Gregory, and Clint Emery each chalked up seven points, but the Hamilton team had seen better nights.

The Hamilton Jayvees ran their winning streak to four straight with a convincing 54-36 triumph over the Utica College Jayvees, who previously had whipped the Svendsenmen in Utica by seven points. Ted Mullet, controlling the backboard with his great drive, led the well-balanced Jayvee attack with 12 points. Marty Fribush and Carl Menges clicked for nine points each while Harry Babcock and Bill Galvin chipped in with eight apiece.

Sig Hoopsters Lead Intramurals; Four Others Without Defeats

Sigma Phi, Psi U, Alpha Delt, Lambda Chi, and Chi Psi kept their undefeated records clean last week and thus held on to their lead in the intramural basketball league. In the hockey circuit, two games have been forfeited, but because of poor ice conditions, no contests have actually been played.

DU was toppled from the list of the undefeated a week ago Wednesday night when they were dumped 29 to 28 by the powerful Sig five. Sig, paced by Bill Kaufman and Jack Barton, now boasts a mark of three wins and no losses, which is the best of the loop.

LCA and Alpha Delt held on to their perfect slates by merely not playing, while a week ago Monday night Psi U and Chi Psi were involved in a rhubarb that would have done justice to Ebbets Field. Psi U came out on the long end of a 29-37 count, but Paul Randall's two-pointer late in the last half was not allowed because of an official's misinterpretation of the personal foul rule. A breakdown of the timer's clock also added fuel to the dispute. Bob Piggott, Psi U coach, and Bruce Abrams, Chi Psi mentor, have agreed to a replay of the game.

Elbie Howard, chairman of the Intramural Council, refused to comment on the protested affair until he "learned the facts of the case."

Howard still expects the hockey schedule to be played although the only activity so far has been forfeits by TKE and DKE to DU and Squires, respectively. In a *Spectator* interview Howard also reported that two referees will be assigned to all basketball games for the balance of the season.

Team	W	L	*Per*
Sigma Phi	3	0	1.000
Lambda Chi	2	0	1.000
Psi U	2*	0	1.000
Alpha Chi	1	0	1.000
DU	2	1	.667
Alpha Delt	1	1	.500
DKE	1	1	.500
Chi Psi	1*	1	.500
Theta Delt	0	2	.000
ELS	0	2	.000
Squires	0	3	.000
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